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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the arrangements for the celebration of the Independence Day made on party lines or is it an all-party concern?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is done by the Government which means all the people and not any particular party."

Provincialization of hospitals.

* 221 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government provincialized the hospitals in the State; and

(*b*) the special reasons for the Government to provincialize the hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam and not to establish one at Gingee?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) In order to relieve local bodies of considerable financial liabilities and at the same time to expand facilities for treatment of all general diseases, the Government have been taking over five or six medical institutions every year maintained by local bodies for development as Medical and Surgical centres, subject to the availability of funds.

" The hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam have not been provincialized so far."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" From the communication I received from the department, I got the information that only after provincializing the hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam, they would think of Gingee. I want to know the policy of the Government in this matter. While it is the policy of the Government to provincialize hospitals at every taluk headquarters, why they are not opening a hospital at Gingee? Or are they going to provincialize only the existing hospitals under district boards and the subsidized hospitals under the control of missionaries?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Provincialization of hospitals is decided upon after the Government consider the recommendations of the Director of Medical Services on the subject."

Grant of house-sites to those evicted from Thandavankuppam village.

* 222 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether new house-sites were given to those evicted from Thandavankuppam village, in Neiveli Lignite Mines, South Arcot district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."